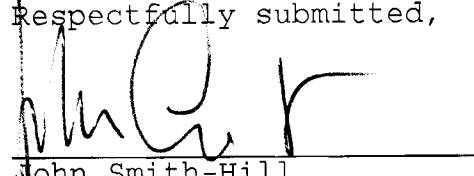


REMARKS

Claim 8 as presented in the reply filed December 18, 2008 refers to areas for placement of playing cards face up being visible and/or invisible from a plurality of players' gaming places. It was intended that this feature be presented in two dependent claims, which were in fact included in the reply filed December 18, 2008 as claims 15 and 16, and accordingly claim 8 is now amended by deleting the wording in question.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Smith-Hill', written over a horizontal line.

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